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Unsupported Anywhere

Subhuti: Inactive is the perfection of Wisdom.

The Lord: Because all dharmas cannot be apprehended.




III 7. The Endeavors of the Cognition of Entities.

III 7, 1. The Endeavors with regard to the skandhas.

Subhuti: How, O Lord, should a Bodhisattva course in perfect wisdom?

The Lord: Here, Subhuti, if a Bodhisattva, who courses in perfect wisdom, does not course in form, etc., then he courses in perfect wisdom.

III 7, 2. The Endeavors with regard to the impermanence, etc. of the Skandhas
If he does not course in the idea that 'form is not permanent or impermanent', 'not ease or ill', etc. then he courses in perfect wisdom. And why? That form does not exist in such a way that



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public schedule

mondays
* 7:00 am zazen
* 7:40 am morning chanting service

6:00 pm zazen
6:40 pm evening chanting service

* last monday of each month, no morning schedule

impermanent or permanent, ease or ill, self or not-self attractive or repulsive (can be predicated) of it; and so for feeling, etc.

III 7,3. The endeavors with regard to the completeness or incompleteness of the skandhas.

Moreover, if a Bodhisattva who courses in perfect wisdom does not course in the idea that 'form, etc. is incomplete or complete', then he courses in perfect wisdom. And why? For what is the incompleteness or completeness of form, etc. *to*: all-knowledge, that is not form, etc. *to*: all knowledge. If also thus he does not course, then he courses in perfect wisdom.

III 7,4 The endeavors with regard to nonattachment to the to the skandhas.

Subhuti: It is wonderful, O Lord, to what an extent both the attachment and the nonattachment of the Bodhisattvas, the great beings, have been explained!

The Lord: So it is, Subhuti. They have been well explained by the Tathagata, the Arhat, the fully enlightened Buddha. Moreover, Subhuti, if a Bodhisattva who courses in perfect wisdom does not course in the idea that "form is with attachment or without attachment", then he courses in perfect wisdom. Coursing thus, the Bodhisattva, the great being, does not perceive form, etc. as 'with or without attachment'.

[The Large Sutra on Perfect Wisdom, with the Divisions of the Abhisamayalankara - Tr and edited by Edward Coonze](#)

The Hartford Street Zen Center has availability for one practice resident as of October 2015.

We are looking for individuals interested in and committed to experiencing residential practice at a small, urban temple. Applicants should have prior experience with Soto Zen practice, and prior full-time residential Buddhist community practice.

tuesdays - fridays

6:00 am zazen
6:40 am kinhin (walking meditation)
6:50 am zazen
7:20 am chanting service
7:40 am soji (brief temple cleaning)

6:00 pm zazen
6:40 pm chanting service

thursdays study hour 7:30pm

saturdays

6:30 am zazen
7:10 am chanting service
7:25 am soji
8:30 am drop-in instruction
9:25 am zazen
10:15 am dharma talk
11:00 am refreshments/social *

* if a ceremony applies it will occur before social time



Required [attendance](#) to zazen, study group, ceremonies and teachings/lessons is required and should be of strong interest. While participation and assistance in the daily events of the sangha are expected of any potential practice resident, it is our expectation that most residents are employed outside of the center (you must be able to pay your monthly tuition without exception, on time), we are accommodating toward one's professional schedule on required attendance arrangements. **Please drop by to inquire in person and ask for the Abbot, Rev. Myo Lahey!**



upcoming events:

[dharma talks](#) @10:15am saturdays

hszc speakers

[Myō Lahey](#) - 🍁 Oct 31 Nov 7,21,28

[Daiko Tanzen, David Bullock](#) - TBD

guest speakers

[Fugan, Eugene Bush](#) - nov 14; [Ryuei, Michael McCormick](#) - dec 12

october 31st, saturday - Sejiki Ceremony!

This ceremony addresses our connection to the “unseen world”, typically overlooked in the West. All aspects of our life that have been disowned, disrespected and denied are invited to come forth from exile and be nourished, a gesture that may have particular significance for members of the LGBTIQQ community, whose own place in the social order has been undermined by fear, prejudice and violence. Costumes and sundry noisemaking devices are encouraged, and everyone is invited to participate. (Time approximate after the Dharma talk, at about 11 a.m.)

Origami - we want to offer an invitation for next tuesday Oct 27 post-zazen (7pm) for a very informal, very impromptu Origami Practice with artist and explorer Brian Shae. His work was shown at SFZC, 300 Page Street in June. Brian approaches paper folding as an organic process



Please help support our Temple, Dharma

and mindfulness inquiry. It seems quite interesting. There will be paper for us to fold + tea and some kind of treat.

Daruma Memorial (Darumaki) - saturday, Nov 7 @11am

CANCELED - we regret to pass along the discussion and book release event with David Schneider on Nov 7th is to be canceled. Please join us in wishing David health.

study hour - thursdays @7:30pm: selected Studies of Zen Master Dogen. [see our website](#) for details. So far all have been from the Dogen Shobogenzo version compiled and translated by **Kazuaki Tanahashi**.

closure & schedule changes -

last monday of each month - no morning program, only evening [schedule](#) and;

november 26, 27 - closed all day

december 7, 24, 25 - closed all day

december 31 - until new years even and day event

founder monthly memorials - [Issan's](#) is the 6th of each month and [Philip's](#) is the 26th (or closest dates to these if cant be on that day) evenings at 6:40pm or saturday mornings

winter light retreat (during Rohatsu leading up to Bodhi day) - is the 2nd of december to december 6th. so start your planning, and get the time off of work now!

practice discussions at hszc are available with Rev. Daiko Tanzen, David Bullock. and **Dokusan with Rev. Myo Lahey** please call us, approach them directly, or email: hszc108@yahoo.com to request to schedule time.

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words from our Abbot: Rev. Myō Lahey

...It's reported at least in the West, when someone enters an enclosed, monastic environment, particularly the ones where there is a great deal of solitude, it is often reported that the aspiring monk or nun is escorted to his or her cell, and the door is shut behind them, that the first thing they experience is terror. The terror is of course much in the news these days, but this is of course a different kind of terror. It is also reported that people who do sensory deprivation experiments, such as in a tank of blood temperature water, they experience something similar once the lights go out. This is not just unease. This is terror. Pretty obviously, it is the terror of nothingness. It's a pretty good demonstration of the self, which is quite dependent for its continuity and vitality on its interactions with the world. If those are suddenly curtailed, it is quite disorienting. The reference points of being are removed. The doubt that is at the heart of the conventional self turns into a dragon. The doubt being, "Do I really exist?" It's a funny question, "Do I really exist?" I seem to remember in high school, questions like that were very interesting. Now, it's less interesting. Do I really exist? Maybe not? Maybe I do...Maybe I

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won't exist on Tuesdays. This question has an existential edge, and this can become quite keen if the reliable contexts somehow have to be surrendered. In some of the enclosed monastic orders (East and West), some of those arrangements, of reclusion as it is called in the Western world, are permanent. Some recluses ask for and receive permission to spend the rest of their days this ways. Other varieties in which one knows that one will see others in community, but will have very little interaction, and that the bulk of one's time will be spent alone. Humans have been called herd animals, so this is really going against the grain. It's one of those approaches to study of the self that remained quite powerful for thousands of years. Just as if one wants to find out certain qualities of a substance, one of the things one does is heats it. Opening up oneself to the terror of nothingness is a way of turning up the heat very high, very fast. Of course there is another face to that. Does anybody know what Rilke said about terror? ... "Beauty is the beginning of terror." You heard that one before? It's quite striking...

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HIV meditation group; weekly meditation group for those living with HIV, their friends, families, community supporters & anyone who wants to join us!
 thursdays & fridays
 10:30am zazen
 11:00am garden socializing

meditation in recovery; weekly meditation group for men & women in recovery from addiction
 fridays, 7:30pm - 9pm

(women only) meditation in recovery; monthly meditation group for women in recovery from addiction
 first thurs, 7:15pm -8:45pm

(men only) meditation in recovery; a monthly meeting for men in recovery from addiction
 3rd thurs of every month, 7:30pm-8:30pm

board of director meetings; you're invited to attend & observe!
 second weds of each month, 7:30pm



*please contact us for rental space & events, ceremonies performed by a zen priest
 - weddings, memorials, coming of age & baby naming events -*

find other sf bay area lgbtqqi community events [here](#) - or - [here](#)

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 - Reverend Myō Lahey ---**



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